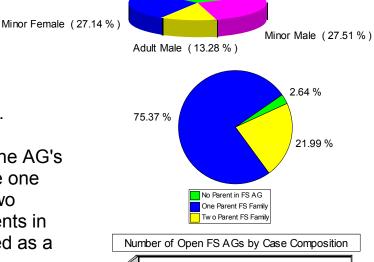
## Wisconsin Food Stamp Program At a Glance

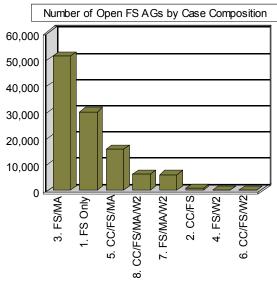
All data is for (or as of) the month of August, 2002<sup>1</sup>

## Who gets food stamps in Wisconsin?

- **Poverty**: 5% of the 5.4 million people in Wisconsin receive FS. <sup>2</sup> On average from 1998 2000, 8.8% of the state population was at or below the federal poverty rate.<sup>3</sup>
- Assistance Groups (AGs) and Recipients: 110,035 Assistance groups are made up of 273,894 individuals. The AG size increased slightly again for the second straight month. There are an average of 2.5 people in an AG.
- Gender: 59% are female and 41% are male.
- Adults/Minors: 45% are adults while 55% are minors.
  60% of AGs have minors in them.
- Minors and Their Parents: Of the AG's that contain minors, 75.37% have one parent in the AG, 21.99% have two parents, and 2.64% have no parents in the household. "Parent" is defined as a biological parent.
- Case Composition: The graph on the right shows other types of CARES issued assistance that a FS AG receives.



Adult Female (32.07%)

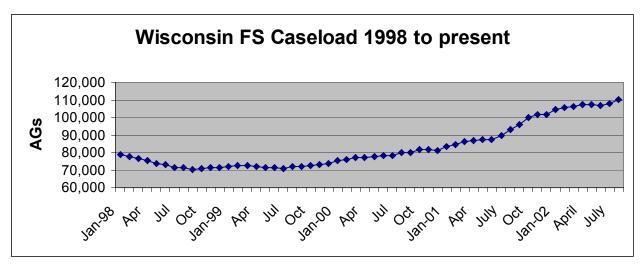


Source: DWD/DWS FS Data Warehouse

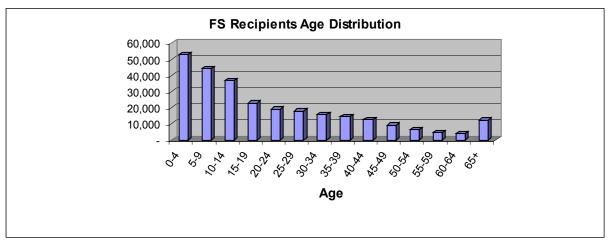
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Source: U.S. Census Bureau, <a href="http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/55000.html">http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/55000.html</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Source: U. S. Census Bureau http://www.census.gov/prod/2001pubs/p60-214.pdf

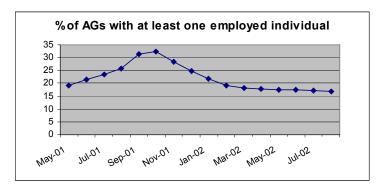
 Historical Caseload Trend: The statewide caseload had been increasing at a steady rate since May of 2000. After slight decreases in the summer months, the caseload increased for the second month in a row.



• **Age Distribution**: The chart below shows the number of FS recipients by age, in ranges of 5 years. The largest age group is comprised of children under age 4.



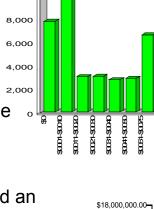
- Elderly/Disabled: 17.2% of FS recipients are either elderly, blind, or
  - disabled. 42% of AGs contain at least one individual that is either elderly, blind, or disabled.
- Work/Earnings: 17% of the AGs have at least one person working. The average monthly earned



income of those AGs' is \$984.4 32.3% of adult FS recipients are employed. The unemployment rate in Wisconsin for August 2002 is 5.2%.5

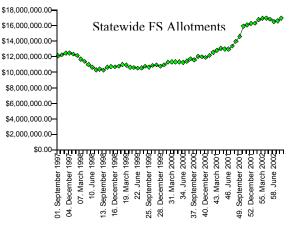
20,000

**Allotments**: A total of 18 000 \$16.9 million in food 16,000 stamp benefits were 14,000 allotted for the month. 12,000 The average allotment 10,000 amount per AG is \$154. The average allotment for AGs that contain an elderly, blind, or disabled member is \$91. However, 20% of the caseload only receives between \$0 and \$10 in allotments.



Allotments have increased an average of 16% in the last 12 benefit months.

For FFY 2001, Wisconsin's error rate was 13.14 %. The national average was 8.66%. The average error rate so far for FFY 2002 (October 2001 - May 2002) is 12.5%. Previous years' data is found below:



# of AG by FS Allotment Range

Fiscal Year	Federal Target	Wisconsin	Difference	Sanction Liability
		Error Rate		
1996	9.2%	11.61%	+2.41%	\$1,224,955.00
1997	9.89%	13.7%	+3.81%	\$2,200,000.00
1998	10.69%	14.58%	+3.89%	\$689,391.00
1999	9.88%	11.8%	+1.92%	\$606,466.00
2000	8.91%	12.0%	+3.09%	\$1,671,222.00
2001	8.66%	13.14%	+4.48%	\$2,800,000.00
				(in appeal status)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> This statistic contains prospective income for cases that may have caused the case to close at the end of the report month. Therefore, the income reported here was not necessarily the income used to calculate eligibility or the allotment amount.

<sup>5</sup> Source: DWD Labor Market Information at http://www.dwd.state.wi.us/lmi/employ civilianlaborForce.htm